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MAYOR of Bridport Maggie Ray has heralded a landmark year for the town, after a host of major events helped to put Bridport on the map in 2014.

Councillor Ray, who has served on the town council since 2003 and began her second successive year as first citizen in May, said the town had enjoyed an "exceptional" 12 months, with a string of highlights celebrating Bridport's heritage and boosting its appeal to tourists.

The town was "at its best" for the historic parade of the Rifles Regiment during the summer, which was well supported by local people, said Councillor Ray.

"In June we welcomed the Rifles Regiment to exercise their freedom of the town with a full parade. This was a spectacular occasion, with dignitaries attending from across the county and an impressive turnout by townspeople and visitors," said Councillor Ray.

by Jack Dixon

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in her traditional new year's address.

And the commemorations of the part Bridport played in the First World War were equally well observed.

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LUKE Hayter was born and raised in Bridport and has worked at Bridport Leisure Centre for over eight years. He first joined as a fitness instructor but has now progressed to his current role of health and fitness manager.

NICOLE Attrill grew up in Hertfordshire until the age of 11 before moving to Spain with her parents and attending an English school in Mallorca.

She moved to Dorset when she was 18-years-old to be closer to her family in Burton Bradstock.

She is currently a fitness class manager at Bridport Leisure Centre.

■ WHAT inspired you both to work in fitness?

From a young age we have always been very interested in exercise. We both played a lot of team based sports at school, which led us to a keen interest in the gym as we both felt it benefited our sports we participated in.

■ WHAT do you like doing in your spare time?

Luke: In my spare time there is nothing better than weight training. I find with a busy work schedule it allows me to focus and I have a lot more energy throughout the week.

Nicole: I am a bit of a girly girl deep down so I love doing my nails and having a girly night with my best friends. But the gym is always my first priority when I have some spare time.

■ WHAT is your favourite workout?

Luke: I love to see constant progression in my workouts and I really enjoy lifting heavy weights so I focus on big lifts, squats, deadlifts and bench press each week. I try and increase the weight slightly each week allowing me to get stronger week by week.

Nicole: I agree with Luke, I love weight training and I tend to change my programme each month and try different approaches like using weights in a circuit.

■ WHAT advice would you give people wanting to get fit and healthy in the New Year?

Set yourself an achievable goal and stick with it! Whether it is to lose a stone or climb the stairs without struggling for breath. Break this goal down over the year and track your progress every week. Reward yourself with non-food related treats which give you a positive result for achieving that goal.

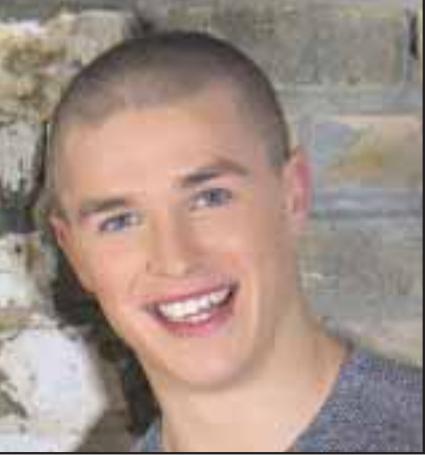
■ WHAT three items would you want with you on a desert island?



Luke: My iPad, I am literally attached to it whether I'm sending emails or watching Netflix, it goes everywhere with me. My coffee machine, the first thing I do every morning is pour myself an espresso, it's the only thing that wakes me up. And sad I know but I would need a set of dumbbells, with all that spare time I would have it would give me plenty of time to sculpt my guns. *Nicole:* My phone. A hair band! Every girl knows what a massive pain it is when you don't have one, it's one of my biggest pet hates! I can't imagine being on the beach or trying to swim without one. And thirdly a bikini.

■ WHAT would you do if you won the lottery?

We would build our own gym so we wouldn't have to worry about waiting to use equipment.



■ IF you could live your life again, what would you do?

Luke: I wish I started training earlier, as a youngster I wasn't interested in exercise as much as I am now, I was more of a eat what you see person. I would also listen to my parents a lot more, it's true you can't teach experience you learn it with age and my parents have always been there for me.

Nicole: I loved sport at school but I didn't push myself to my best and I would have done well with hockey and swimming so I regret not working harder at them. But my passion for sport never left and now that I have found weight training I can use my love for it to help motivate and inspire others.

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Invest in rail network, says MP Letwin

by Jack Dixon
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TRANSPORT ministers should shift their focus towards improving the South West's rail network in the new year, West Dorset MP Oliver Letwin has said.

The minister welcomed the government's pre-Christmas announcement of a £15 billion funding package to create a "roads revolution", but said that work to enhance the re-

gion's train lines should also be rooted in its long-term transport plan.

Doubling of the key A303 road, known as the 'Holiday Highway', was one of seven new schemes announced as part of the

chancellor's Autumn Statement earlier this month. Around £2 billion will be spent in the South West, with plans for a tunnel at Stonehenge to ease congestion.

But Mr Letwin said

that train services continue to be of "critical importance" to the West Dorset economy and that, alongside spending on roads, rail improvements would provide a big boost to the tourism industry.

He said: "Now that the A303 is going to be progressively upgraded over the next few years, travelling by road from points East to West

Dorset will be a great deal easier for those who use the car.

"This will come as a welcome relief to many who have found themselves stuck for considerable periods in traffic jams somewhere near to Stonehenge. And I am sure that it will also improve our local economy by making it easier for tourists who spend their holidays in

Dorset – a useful boost for our single biggest industry in West Dorset.

"But we should not allow any of this to make us forget the importance of the train services from Waterloo. Both of the lines – to Dorchester South and to Sherborne – provide us with a regular and usually pretty efficient service, which is

also of critical importance to our local economy."

Mr Letwin said doubling single-track lines could speed up journey times and ensure trains arrive on schedule.

He said it should be a new year's "ambition" for ministers to address the issue in 2015.

"Now that the widening of the A303 is firmly locked into the long-term transport plan, I think we should

turn our attention to the dualling of the railway lines that currently remain single-track, as this could significantly improve both journey times and reliability.

"I am optimistic that the new franchises will bring improvements of their own in the service, but we will need new investment for the track to take full advantage of our rail connections."

Holidaymakers fund local schools programme

HOLIDAYMAKERS at one of Dorset's largest holiday park operators will fund training for Bridport primary school teachers to deliver earth science lessons in 2015.

West Dorset Leisure Holidays and the Jurassic Coast Trust are teaming up for the project, which will enable future generations to be educated and inspired about the natural site on their doorstep.

Guests at West Dorset Leisure Holiday parks are asked to make a voluntary £1 donation when booking their holiday, with many visitors contributing.

In the six months to the end of October, over £6,000 has been raised through this method, with a large portion going towards this project.

The rest of West Dorset Leisure Holidays contributions will go to-

wards the trust's other conservation and educational work including refurbishment to museums and visitor centres and supporting local events such as the Lyme Regis Fossil Festival.

Martin Cox, from West Dorset Leisure Holidays, said: "It is great to be able to contribute to the trust and this project in our local schools is an added bonus to our objective to support the Trust in providing educational opportunities about the coastline.

"We are very lucky to live in West Dorset and for our visitors to be able to fund a scheme for children to be able to learn about the meaning of the fossils they collect on the beach is an added benefit for all of us."

Nine Bridport schools have been

offered to participate in the training day at Highlands End Holiday Park, Eype, in March 2015.

The day will cover the core content of the Big Jurassic Classroom sessions, including World Heritage, the geology of the Jurassic Coast and fossils.

Teachers will also be given a grant to purchase resources that they can use in the classroom such as the fossil dig boxes, which contain replica fossils in sand that allow children to discover and learn about the fossils.

Alexandra O'Dwyer, from the Jurassic Coast Trust, said: "We rely on the support of local businesses like West Dorset Leisure Holidays and we are so grateful to them for their long standing commitment to

supporting the Jurassic Coast and encouraging their visitors to get involved.

"Our exceptional coastline is a wonderful resource for children to learn about a range of subjects, from Earth's history through to environmental issues.

"We want to help local teachers, and in turn local children, to understand why the beaches and cliffs near their school are as globally important as other World Heritage Sites like the Taj Mahal and to truly get the benefit from living so close to such an amazing natural classroom."

For more information contact Guy Kerr from the Jurassic Coast Trust at g.kerr@jurassiccoast.org or call 07766 112724.



■ West Dorset MP Oliver Letwin has urged transport ministers to make investment in the region's rail network a new year's ambition

Backing for Vearse Farm development

MEMBERS of the Future Bridport group will be collecting signatures for a petition in support of the controversial Vearse Farm housing development this weekend.

The group believes the proposals, for up to 760 new homes, will help new buyers enter the housing market and enable local people on average wages to remain in the town.

The plans form part of West Dorset District Council's emerging Local Plan, which is currently being scrutinised by a government planning inspector.

Campaigners will be in Bucky Doo Square from 10am on Saturday (January 3rd) to collect signatures.

Mayor's new year message

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-stage Forum's exhibition at the Town Hall, contrasting life in the trenches with domestic scenes on the home front.

"Later in the year, there was a dedication of a seat and plaque in a flower-filled meadow at Jellyfields in memory of those local men who gave their lives.

"And Remembrance Sunday returned to a note of solemnity, as Bridport's citizens gathered to remember the fallen in two world wars and subsequent conflicts.

"The Wessex Military Band led the procession from the Town Hall to St Mary's Church and, after the service, back to

Bucky Doo Square, where I was able to thank everyone for another excellent turnout."

Councillor Ray also heralded the "best ever" Melplash Show, which welcomed thousands of visitors to West Bay over the summer.

And she reserved special praise for the community for continuing to



show their support for her two chosen charities – the Bridport Young Performers Scholarship and the Bridport Young Persons Action Trust.

Councillor Ray added: "Fine weather blessed Bridport's outdoor events this year, from the newly-established Rope Walks Festival in May, the Food Festival in June, the Charter Fair in July, and a very busy August, with the carnival, torchlight procession and our best ever Melplash Show."

"2014 was an exceptional year for Bridport, with a number of very special events taking place."

"It has been an incredibly busy year, but I have enjoyed every minute."

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Robert Arthur "Skip" Pitman MBE

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Police confirm more officers for next year

by Jack Dixon
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positions, and has launched an online campaign to attract applicants.

Mr Underhill said he was "delighted" that Dorset Police was seeking to recruit extra officers in the new year.

"Wherever I go, people across Dorset tell me that they want to see more visible policing," he said.

"Despite operating in austere times, we have to balance the workforce and it is right that we bring new officers into the policing family."

"Policing continues to evolve and it remains an excellent career for those who have the drive to make a difference in the communities they serve."

The force says it is looking to recruit an intake of 16 officers in 2015/16, and a further 16 the following year, matching the influx of 32 that took up positions this year.

Chief Constable Debbie Simpson added: "I would encourage anyone who is interested in this extremely rewarding role to visit our website and find out more – it is a fantastic opportunity to join the Dorset Police team and make a difference."

"The force is committed to selecting the best possible candidates and will ensure that the selection process is fair throughout."

Potential applicants are advised to read the force's employment brochure online at www.dorset.police.uk/Default.aspx?page=301

Dorset Police will be accepting applications from January 5th.

New ukulele group for families

A NEW music group has been set up for parents and children to learn music skills together.

'Little Strummers' focuses on under sevens and encourages parents to accompany their children who will learn about rhythm and percussion, playing and forming with songs featuring the ukulele.

The group, started as a collaboration between local artist Angie Porter and Sally Vaughan, co-founder of the Bucky Don'ts Bridport ukulele group, who identified a need to introduce young children to a music programme.

Children and parents will learn simple chords and the basics of strumming with each workshop introducing new instruments and songs.

The sessions take place on every second and fourth Saturday of the month at the Electric Palace on South Street. The next group will be on Saturday, January 10th and all ages are welcome to attend with their own ukulele or they can be provided.

The sessions take place from 10.30am to 11.30am and cost £5 per child. For more information email Angie Porter at angi.porter@gmail.com

Give blood in the New Year

HEALTH bosses are urging people in Bridport to give blood as part of their new year's resolutions.

While quitting smoking and joining the gym are typically the most popular new year lifestyle changes, the NHS Blood and Transplant authority is appealing for donors to come forward in January.

Each blood donation can potentially save or improve up to three lives, with supplies of the universal blood group O Rh Negative running short.

The NHS also needs to ensure stocks of the rarer blood groups A Rh Negative, B Rh Negative and AB Rh Negative are retained, as these are also vulnerable to shortfall.

Nelson Olivares, senior marketing coordinator

at NHS Blood Transport, said: "The beginning of the year is a great time to make changes to your lifestyle, and it is the perfect time to give blood."

"If knowing that your blood is helping to save sick and injured people is not satisfaction enough, we can also guarantee donors a warm welcome, a refreshing drink and a biscuit when they donate."

"This year make a resolution you will want to keep and help us save lives at the same time."

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Short engagement for lucky couple

by Lottie Welch
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A COUPLE have won their dream wedding at Manor Barn in Symondsbury – but when the bride-to-be found out, she wasn't engaged.

At the Symondsbury wedding fayre in October, organisers offered visitors the chance to win a mid-week wedding at the country barn.

And Eleanor Spalding, who was visiting her mum in Bridport, was the lucky winner, even though at time she wasn't yet engaged.

"The honest truth is my first thought was, how on earth do I tell Lewis? We are not even engaged!"

"But I feel incredibly lucky as he proposed not long after I found out this news and I could not wait to tell Lewis we had won this amazing prize!"

"We had fantasised about a barn wedding in the countryside and he was blown away with the news."

"Symondsbury is near to where

my mum lives so it seems the perfect venue for us and it would never have been viable for us to have such a wedding if it was not for this wonderful prize."

Julia Butcher, marketing manager at Symondsbury Estate, said: "Although we have known for quite some time who the winner is, we had to keep it quiet as the bride to be, Eleanor, was still waiting for her

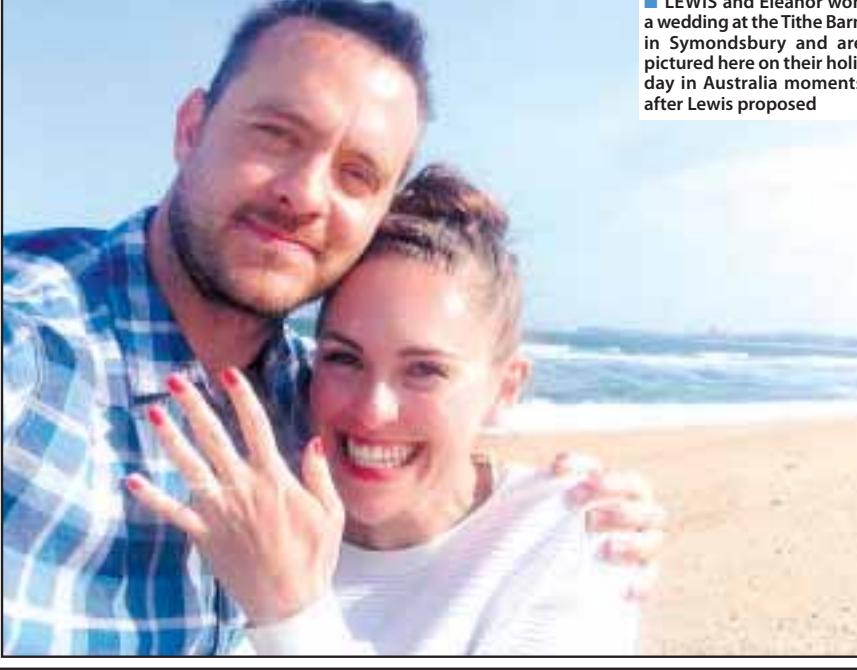
other half to pop the question."

"We waited with baited breath as they were about to go on a month's holiday to Australia where she was hoping he would be popping the question."

"The lucky couple have won a midweek wedding in the Tithe Barn at Manor Yard in Symondsbury along with some other fabulous prizes for their special day."

"The Shed Hair and Beauty Boutique will be doing Eleanor's hair and make-up for her big day. Timeless Pictures are providing a four-hour wedding photo package. Alison Davies (of Alison Davies Flowers) is giving a bridal bouquet and a chocolate trio fountain will be provided by Tiger Lily Occasions."

"We look forward to Eleanor and Lewis' big day in July 2015."



LEWIS and Eleanor won a wedding at the Tithe Barn in Symondsbury and are pictured here on their holiday in Australia moments after Lewis proposed

Public voices being heard

■ WHEN Clive Stafford Smith OBE, as chairman, opens the 'Public-First' meeting at Dorchester's Corn Exchange at 7pm, Wednesday, January 7th, probably no-one will be able to predict with real certainty what will emerge from this forum.

Commentators have said how unusual a meeting that makes it. It's because for the first two-thirds of the meeting Dorset residents will have a chance to comment on two key topics.

Firstly, how WDDC currently applies/uses the Cabinet system in local government. Secondly, should WDDC (and DCC) at least be actively investigating the costs/benefits of moving to a Unitary system, removing the middle (District Council) tier, and bringing decision-making, and spending, closer to the public it affects locally?

Representatives of Conservative, Green,

Labour, Lib Dem and UKIP parties have been invited.

The latter four accepted, and as Rt Hon Oliver Letwin MP has had to decline, due to a full diary of events in London that day, Council Leader Gould was offered 15 minutes to address the meeting but says he will not be attending, and five of his six Cabinet colleagues have also so far declined.

Will the meeting decide specific one-off actions? Or will 2015 be the year when the public of West Dorset – from Lyme Regis to Sherborne – and Dorset, determine our voice is the start-point, and we'll engage in a continuing process of offering politicians the chance to hear our views?

The public has power. Will it now realise it?

JOHN GRANTHAM,
Public First organiser

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Gardening group tuck into Christmas fare



GARDENING GRUB | Members of the Bridport and District University of the Third Age (U3A) Gardens and Gardening group enjoyed a cracker of a Christmas lunch earlier this month.

The lunch rounded off what has been a successful year for members which has included projects on how to manage a small pond, encouraging more wildlife into gardens and finding out about the 'plant hunters', people who travelled the world to bring back rare

plants and seeds.

Pat Grafton, the group leader, said: "We owe them many lovely plants – and a few horrors like Japanese Knotweed!"

The Gardens and Gardening group, which has a small waiting list, meets on the second Monday morning of each month.

Pictured are members of the group, left to right, Pat Grafton, Valerie Gierth, Christine Lewis, Jennie Carter, Vivienne Critchinson and Jennifer Bembridge.

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Santa Claus raises over £3,000 for local causes

SANTA'S visits around Bridport and the surrounding villages have raised over £3,000 – up on last year's takings – for local causes.

Members of the Rotary Club of Brit Valley were out and about throughout December visiting nearby towns and villages to help Santa raise money for local groups and took part in the Bridport Christmas Cheer event and the Beaminster Christmas Lights evening.

Around £3,000 has been raised for local causes through Santa's visits, which the Rotary Club of Brit Valley have been organising for 20 years.

Charles Gaskell, president of the club, said: "Our reception was great everywhere we went and lots of children gave their letters to Santa."

"It was a tremendous turn out this year, almost like a party atmosphere in some places.

"There is great community spirit in our part of Dorset and it is heart-warming to be a part of this."

"Our Christmas float, along with the annual dog show held on the Melplash Showground at the end of May, are our two major fundraising events and

therefore very important to the club."

Santa and his sleigh received a great turnout from families this year and due to donations, the club has managed to make a donation to Cupboard Love, Bridport's much appreciated food bank.

John Dobinson, a member of the Rotary Club of Brit Valley, said: "We have been helping Santa for the past 20 years and

as a result have been able to help many local causes.

"This year we have been delighted to make a contribution to Cupboard Love, Bridport's much appreciated food bank.

Members of the Rotary Club of Brit Valley would like to thank Humberts estate agents for their sponsorship, Motorwell Mitsubishi and Fiat garage in Bridport for the loan of the four wheel drive towing vehicle, all those who took to the streets with collecting tins and to everyone who gave so generously.



Santa and his little helper, four-year-old Joshua Bodycombe, visited shoppers in Bridport on the Saturday before Christmas (December 20th)

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Cyclists urged to sign up for challenge

ORGANISERS of a major fundraiser for the Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance are encouraging supporters to sign up early for the Coast to Coast cycle challenge, after an overwhelming response last year.

The event, which takes place on Sunday May 17th, involves cycling through both Dorset and Somerset.

Last year's event sold out within three weeks of online registration being opened and demand is expected to be even higher this year.

The Coast to Coast Challenge offers two different routes and distances but spaces are limited to 600.

For experienced cyclists and those who like a challenge, there is a 54-mile cycle, which starts in the Somerset port of Watchet and finishes in West Bay.

Those who do not want to cycle so far can sign up for the shorter 11-mile route, which begins in Drimpton before reaching the same destination.

Bill Sivewright, Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance chief executive Officer, said: "We are thrilled to be able to announce the date for our Coast to Coast cycle challenge in 2015."

"This will be our fifth year in the saddle and every year the event seems to get better and better. I believe one of the main reasons for this is the feedback we get from those who take part and the stories of courage and determination along the way."

"We always strive to build on the success of the previous year and with this in mind we are once again restricting our numbers to 600 cyclists."

"This year we also intend to stagger the start times from Watchet Harbour with stronger cyclists setting off first. This is in order to keep the event as safe as possible but also to encourage all standards of cyclists to take part without fear of being

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overcrowded."

Last year 546 participants rode a total of 29,660 miles, raising over £60,000 for the Devon and Somerset Air Ambulance.

Mr Sivewright added: "With such a demand

there will undoubtedly be those who are disappointed not to gain a place, which is why I cannot stress enough how important it is to register early."

"We are really looking forward to this year's event and hope that everyone that enters will once again encourage their family and friends to sponsor them in a bid to make this the best Coast to Coast cycle challenge yet."

With only 600 places available, anyone wishing to enter should complete the online registration form on the Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance website.

To register online, visit www.dsairambulance.org.uk and for more information call 01823 669604 or email c2c@dsairambulance.org.uk

Entrance fees are £20 for adults and £10 for under 16s.

MEMBERS of the Bridport Classic Bike Club were joined by motorbike enthusiasts from across the surrounding counties as more than 53 bikers took part in this year's Cold Turkey Run on December 28th.

Organised by member Mike Biss, the event gathers bikers at The Crown Inn, on the roundabout between Bridport and West Bay, where they all set off on either a 75-mile or 40-mile ride.

Both routes went to The Prince of Wales pub in Ham Hill, Somerset, but the 75-mile option went through Dorchester and Yeovil while the other through Beaminster and Mosterton.

Every year the event takes place between Christmas and New Year attracting around 50 bikers and raising money for the Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance through donations and a raffle.

Mike Biss, organiser of the event, said: "It is our third year doing the run and it went really well with a total of 53 bikes taking part. I'm not sure how many people were there as some had two passengers.

"We raised £302 for the Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance from the raffle and donations, which is brilliant."

■ **MORE** than 53 bikers joined in with the Cold Turkey Run this week by taking part in a 75-mile or 40-mile run from The Crown Inn in Bridport to The Prince of Wales pub in Ham Hill, Somerset



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Bridport residents do battle in bake-off

CHOCOLATE cake, fruitcake, cupcakes, carrot cake and shortbread were all judged at the second Wetherspoon's Great Bridport Bake-Off last week.

Biscuits in the shape of Christmas trees and cakes decorated as candy canes were tried and tested by Mayor Maggie Ray and Councillor Martin Ray who judged on appearance, texture, flavour and effort.

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Eight people entered the bake off at The Greyhound, East Street, on December 22nd hoping to be named winner for their perfect cake.

And seven-year-old Robyn Hill took first place in the children's category with her chocolate Santa cake.

She won a book donated by The Greyhound and chocolates donated by Spar in Bridport.

Helen Carley won first place in the adult entries with her decorated fruitcake and won a t-shirt and ales donated by Exmoor Ales, a book donated by Waterstones in Bridport and a meal for two at The Greyhound.

Mike Peck was the runner-up

with his Christmas chocolate candy cake, which won him chocolates donated by Spar and a bottle of Cava given by The Greyhound.

Mayor Maggie Ray said: "I am delighted to support Kaye Hill (the manager at The Grey-

hound) and everyone at The Greyhound who work so hard for the community."

"All of them were very good, the quality of entries was extremely high and I would like to award a prize to everyone."

The bake off was in aid of

CLIC Sargent, the UK's leading cancer charity for children and young people, who provide clinical, practical, financial and emotional support.

All cakes were sold after judging to raise money for CLIC Sargent.

■ Bridport Mayor Maggie Ray (second right) and Councillor Martin Ray (left) judged the entries in Wetherspoon's Great Bridport Bake-Off. They are pictured with adult runner-up Mike Peck (second left) with his proud grandchildren Jasmine, Eloise and Eva and winner of the children's category, Robyn Smith (front left) and manager of The Greyhound, Kaye Hill (right)



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Braving the cold for Boxing Day dip

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WIND, rain, freezing temperatures and a dip in cold water didn't deter people from taking part in the annual Boxing Day swim as over 100 brave members of public came out to run into West Bay harbour.

Hundreds of spectators lined the piers despite the wet and windy weather to cheer on friends and family daring enough to take part.

Organised by Bridport Round Table, the West Bay Wallow attracted around 110 people in an array of fancy dress running down the slipway into the icy water.

Ranging from Darth Vader

and Iron Man to a bride and groom and Minnie Mouse, participants really made an effort and were judged by Bridport Mayor Maggie Ray and Councillor Martin Ray.

Alan Jones and Rebecca Lynn won the best dressed adult prizes for their Darth Vader and Minnie Mouse costumes, with Maya Reed taking the title of best dressed junior by being one half of a horse with Phil Hallet.

Pete Dacey, chairman of Brid-

port Round Table, said: "It was a fantastic turnout from both swimmers and onlookers, despite the awful weather.

"It was a great success once again as it has become a hugely popular event with thousands coming out every year to support it, dressing up and raising money for charity."

"It is one of the Round Table's main events and raises thousands of pounds for local causes so thank you to everyone that donated, turned up to watch and the 110 people that braved the cold water."

The Boxing Day swim is free

to enter and swimmers raise money for a charity of their choice.

Donations are taken by mem-

bers of Bridport Round Table for local causes.

■ PETE Hammonds and Allan Jones as Darth Vader, who won best dressed man, before they went into the water



■ FRIENDS Grahame Dobson, Hannah Garner, Sophie Bide, Andrew Van Cuylenburg, Tessa Bide and Ted Waite took the plunge together



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Celebrity Training

Bridport residents launch fitness website 'Celebrity Training with Sam Faiers'

LOCAL business owners and fitness entrepreneurs Luke Hayter and Nicole Attrill have launched a new fitness venture with fashion and television personality Sam Faiers entitled 'Celebrity Training with Sam Faiers'.

Bridport residents Luke Hayter and Nicole Attrill have developed 'Celebrity Training with Sam Faiers' as an all inclusive health and fitness website focused on you getting the best results at home with your computer, smartphone or tablet. Renowned personal trainer Nicole Attrill and Sam Faiers head up the exercise tutorials with fun and challenging workouts for you to do at anytime, anywhere.

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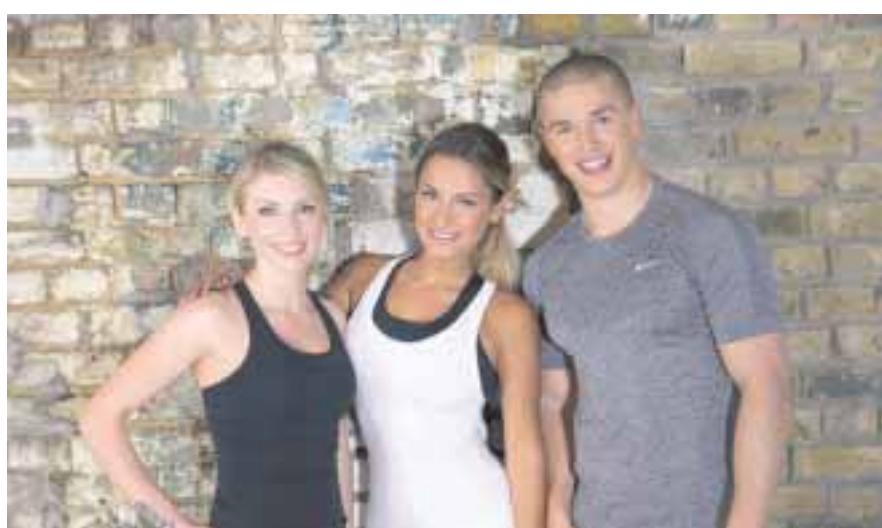
'Celebrity Training with Sam' directors Luke Hayter and Nicole Attrill comment:

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Fashion and television personality Sam Faiers adds: "I am really excited to be working with Luke and Nicole on our project 'Celebrity Training with Sam

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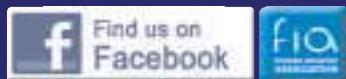
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9.30pm

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Southern Tenant Folk Union play at the Marine Theatre on Friday, January 30th, doors open 7.15pm, with music from 8pm. Tickets are £13.50 or £12.50 concessions, and a *TheatreFriends* discount is available. For more details or to book visit [www.marinetheatre.com](http://www.marinetheatre.com) or call 01297 442138



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Saturday 10th January

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## ART LECTURE AT DORSET COUNTY MUSEUM

JOHN Everett was one of the few official war artists of the First World War. He worked for the Ministry of Information on paintings connected with seaborne commerce, using his experience as a deep-water sailor to give his work a sense of unqualified realism. He specialised in the interpretation of the military's use of 'dazzle' – a colourful camouflaging technique used to disguise ships at sea. Nothing revealed to the landsman better than Everett's work the beauty that camouflage – through grim necessity – brought to wartime shipping.

Dorchester-born John Everett produced a remarkable and unique body of work centred on Atlantic convoys. On his death he bequeathed all remaining maritime works in his possession to the National Maritime Museum which now holds the most important collection of his paintings in the world.

Gwen Yarker MA, FSA, FRHistS, is an independent art historian, formerly art curator at the National

Maritime Museum, specialising in British art and the life and work of John Everett. On Friday, January 23rd she will give a lecture at Dorset County Museum about Everett's paintings of the Dazzle ships on the Thames.

All are welcome to this event which is free although donations are welcome to cover costs. The lecture will start at 7.30pm and doors are open from 7pm. For further information see [www.dorsetcountymuseum.org](http://www.dorsetcountymuseum.org).



## Trio of top talents at Comedy Network

START the new year with a laugh at the Electric Palace's Comedy Network night on Friday, January 9th.

The evening will feature up-and-comers Jarlath Regan, Mark Smith and Adam Hess, with doors opening 7.15pm, and the show from 8.15pm.

Award winning comedian and writer for Russell Howard's Good News and the hit Irish panel show, The Panel, **Jarlath Regan** has gained a reputation with the industry and audiences for his uplifting, inventive and relentlessly funny stand-up, enjoying sell-out runs at the Fringe since 2007. A finalist in both the BBC and Channel 4 New Comedy Awards, Jarlath's first published book How To Break Bad News was an instant best-seller. It gained many celebrity fans including Ardal O'Hanlon who called it "Original, funny and deliciously wrong!" Jarlath's second book Putting A Ring On It - What Not To Do When Attempting To Get Married became a cult hit in his homeland.

**Adam Hess** (winner of Chortle Student Comedy Award 2011) is well-known for his surreal one-liners and prolific writing talents, having written for TV regulars such as Sean Walsh and Chris Ramsey. Adam has also become widely known for his unique brand of comedy on Twitter and in the last two years has accrued tens of thousands of followers from the jokes he posts there alone. The BBC even filmed a selection of his tweets as sketches starring him as one of their 'Feed My Funny' videos.

**Mark Smith** (Russell Howard's Good News, MTV) has been performing stand-up regularly since 2008 and has rapidly established himself as one of the most interesting and exciting comics on the circuit. Since reaching the final of 'So You Think You're Funny' in

2009, Mark has gigged all over the UK, is a regular MC and has broken into television to present for MTV2 and to write and perform for 'Dick and Dom's Funny Business' on BBC Two. When Mark is not gigging he is the warm-up for shows such as Have I Got News For You and Room 101 (both BBC1).

Tickets are £10 plus booking fee in advance or £12 on the door, available by calling the box office on 01308 428 354, the TIC on 01308 424901 or from [www.seetickets.com](http://www.seetickets.com). For more details visit [www.electricpalace.org.uk](http://www.electricpalace.org.uk).



Jarlath Regan

## View 2 Diary Dates

### SATURDAY JANUARY 3RD

**BRIDPORT:** Bridport Ceilidhs featuring "English Contra Dance Band" with caller Jane Thomas, at Church House (St Mary's) Hall, South Street, Bridport DT6 3NW. Doors open 7.15 for 7.30-11.00pm dance. Tickets £8.50 on the door but numbers will be limited for comfortable dancing so better in advance for £7.50 from Bridport Music Shop and Jaxsons Delicatessen; or call to reserve with organiser Monty (on 01308 423442), from whom some complimentary tickets can be made available to first-timers by prior arrangement. See [www.bridportceilidhs.wordpress.com](http://www.bridportceilidhs.wordpress.com)

### MONDAY JANUARY 5TH

**BRIDPORT:** Bridport Folk Dance Club - weekly dancing resumes at 7.30-9.30 pm in the WI Hall, North Street, Bridport. Enjoy folk dancing mainly in the English tradition from Playford-style to modern-day compositions at Bridport's long-established weekly club. No partner or previous experience required. Admission £2. Contact Jane on 01308 898 002 or Monty on 01308 423 442.

### TUESDAY JANUARY 6TH

**LYME REGIS:** Lyme Regis Art Society. Meeting 2pm-4pm, at Woodmead Halls, Lyme Regis. Jake Winkle will be demonstrating his techniques in painting wildlife in watercolours. All are welcome. Non-members admittance is £5. Contact Sheila on 01297 445464 for further information.

**BRIDPORT:** An evening with the Symondsbury Mummers and Tinker's Cuss band, in aid of Bridport Millennium Green. Costing just £7 and including mulled wine and mince pies, tickets are available now from Goadsby estate agents on the corner of West and South Streets.

### MONDAY JANUARY 12TH

**BEAMINSTER:** Beaminster Moviola presents 'Pride'. At Beaminster Public Hall. Doors open 7pm, film from 7.30pm. Tickets available from Yarn Barton £5 in advance or £5.50 on the door. For more details call 01308 861378.

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**DORCHESTER:** The West Dorset Health Service Retirement Fellowship meeting in the Lecture Theatre, Dorset County Hospital, Dorchester will start at 2.30 pm when Marion Biles will give a talk on her year as Mayoreess. New members welcome. Membership fee of £3 50 is now due.

### FRIDAY JANUARY 16TH

**BROADMAYNE:** Market 2-3.30pm, at St Martin's Community Hall (Next to the Church). Cakes, Preserves, Raffle, Craft, Plants, Bric-a-brac, books, Jigsaws, Cards, Local Pork, Sausages and Eggs, Local Watercress, Plants from a local Nursery and a chance to sit and chat with a cup of tea or coffee. All proceeds to St Martin's Community Hall. For further information please contact Eleanor Piper 01305 853765.

**LYME REGIS:** Lyme Bay Photographic Club meeting. Nigel Clarke, Luftwaffe Aerial Photography of the 2nd World War, at Woodmead Halls from 7.30pm.

### SATURDAY JANUARY 17TH

**UPLYME:** Jumble Sale at Uplyme Village Hall, 2pm. In aid of Royal British Legion Women's Section. For more details call 01297 442435.

### TUESDAY JANUARY 20TH

**LYME REGIS:** Lyme Regis Art Society. Meeting 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. at Woodmead Halls, Lyme Regis. A novel way to use your credit cards! Graham Watson is going to show us all a way of using them in creating a painting. All are welcome. Non-members admittance is £5. Contact Sheila on 01297 445464 for further information.

### WEDNESDAY JANUARY 21ST

**TYPE:** West Dorset Decorative and Fine Arts Society meeting. 'The Art and Meaning of Maps' lecturer: Prof. Jeremy Black. At Highlands End Leisure Centre, 2.30pm. For more details call 01297 443615.

### SATURDAY JANUARY 24TH

**WEYMOUTH:** Friends of Weymouth Library present 'Smuggling Tales from Dorset & Hampshire' a talk by ex-Yvette Bonny Sartin. At the library, from 10.30am. £1.50 members, £2.50 non-members. Includes refreshments.

### SUNDAY JANUARY 25TH

**WHITCHURCH CANICORUM:** 15th Annual Farmhouse Breakfast at Whitchurch Canonicorum Village Hall from 9am - 2pm. In aid of hall funds with donation to Joseph Weld hospice. Further details available from Sue 01297 489375

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## Stewart Lee brings new tour to Bridport

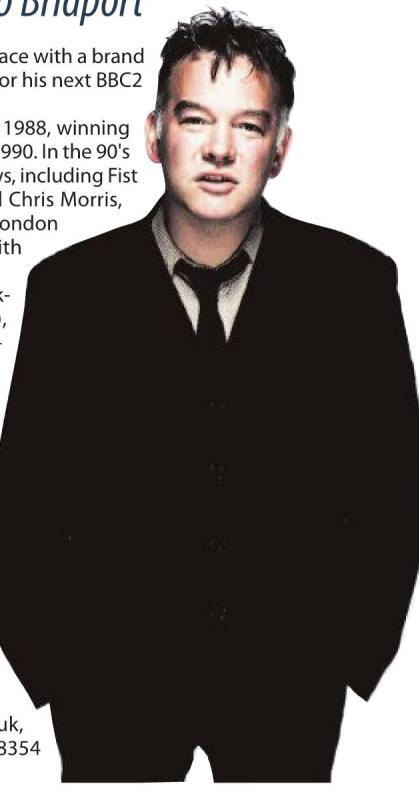
STEWART Lee takes to the stage at the Electric Palace with a brand new live show with fresh material in preparation for his next BBC2 series of Stewart Lee's Comedy Vehicle.

Stewart Lee began stand-up at the age of 20 in 1988, winning the Hackney Empire new act of the year award in 1990. In the 90's he contributed to various BBC Radio comedy shows, including Fist of Fun and On The Hour, with Steve Coogan and Chris Morris, performed as a stand-up almost nightly on the London circuit, and co-created four series for BBC2 with Richard Herring.

Stewart directed the Mighty Boosh's breakthrough Edinburgh show, *Arctic Boosh* (1999), Simon Munnery's Golden Rose Of Montreux nominated BBC2 show, *Attention Scum*, (2000), and a revival of Eric Bogosian's *Talk Radio* (*Underbelly* 2007). In 2001 he was invited to help write the libretto of, and direct, the composer Richard Thomas' developing work, *Jerry Springer The Opera*, at Battersea Arts Centre. The show won four Olivier awards after its National Theatre run, though it was prevented from enjoying any commercial future by the pressure group, Christian Voice.

Stewart Lee performs at the Electric Palace, Bridport on Monday, April 27th, with doors opening 7pm. Tickets are £21 plus booking fee in advance, or £23 on the door, and are already selling well.

For more details visit [www.electricpalace.org.uk](http://www.electricpalace.org.uk), and to book call 01308 424901 (TIC), 01308 428354 (box office) or visit [www.seetickets.com](http://www.seetickets.com).



## Peter Pan panto is this week

REAMBA Professional Pantomimes are flying into Bridport with "Peter Pan" a sensationally funny pantomime for all the family to enjoy. Without a doubt one of the best Pantomimes you will see for miles around. With spectacular scenery, sensational choreography, a magical and musical score with popular modern song choices throughout and some sensational flying sequences that your children will treasure for years to come.

Sarah Jayne, executive producer of Peter Pan said "With last year's tour of *Aladdin* receiving such an amazing response from audiences throughout the UK, we are so pleased to bring *Peter Pan* to Bridport this season. Together with amazing special effects and stunning flying sequences, this year's professional pantomime is

guaranteed to delight family audience's in Bridport over the festive season. The use of flying sequences is always so popular with audiences, and we are delighted that audiences of Bridport will see the magical moments, right in front of their very eyes."

Peter Pan runs at the The Electric Palace, Bridport from Wednesday, December 31st 2014 to Saturday, January 3rd 2015, with nightly performances at 12.30pm on Wednesday, and 2pm on Thursday to Saturday, as well as nightly performances at 6pm. Tickets, priced from £10, can be booked via Bridport TIC on 01308 424901 or online at [www.reambapants.co.uk](http://www.reambapants.co.uk). Family saver ticket options on selected performances. Alternative Booking Line: 01308 490818.

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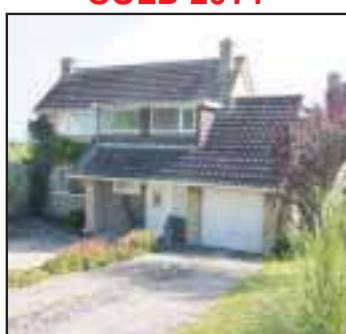
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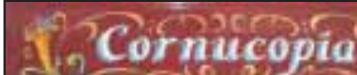
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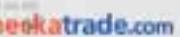
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YOU'VE decided that a 4x4 could be right for you, but is that strictly true? Whilst they're great for towing horseboxes across muddy fields or improving your chances of making it through the snow and ice of a British winter, how often do you actually need the extra capabilities they offer? Assuming it's often enough, then GEM Motoring Assist has some sound advice to help ensure you get the vehicle you need – at the right price...

If you do a lot of towing then it makes sense to have a big heavy vehicle with good torque and traction to pull the load with the minimum of fuss, and if you need to detour from the tarmac on a regular basis then four-wheel drive is

almost a given. But let's be honest... we do fall for the image and driving position, so we justify the 'need' with self-deception and tenuous self-justifications.

Of course, if you want a 4x4 (and within the term 4x4 we also include AWD vehicles) for no other reason than personal choice, then fine, but what are they like to live with? Four-wheel or all-wheel drive vehicles cover a broad church, from the small but perfectly formed Fiat Panda, through the various sporty Audi Quattros, and on to the world-beating 'Green Oval'. Although they vary in shape, size and ability, the one thing that they all have in common is a transmission system that connects

drive to all of the wheels.

Stating the obvious, all types will tend to use more fuel than equivalent 'normal' cars, due to their weight, aerodynamics, and inefficiency of applying power to a much larger drive train. Some modern 4x4s counter this by employing intelligent power management that drives only the front wheels most of the time, and then transfers drive to the rear if they detect a lack of traction. Many of these systems have become so good that it's often difficult to spot the join.

One thing you will certainly notice, though, are the road manners of the traditional 'big' 4x4s. Despite (in some cases) some very advanced traction aids, they still let you know you are not cornering or braking in a Porsche 911. So some consideration of this will be required in your driving style if you intend to keep it shiny side up and un-bent.

You'll also get through more tyres, as both axles are driven, and lateral forces and tyre scrubbing are greater in a heavier vehicle with a higher centre of gravity.

In the interest of balance, though, with the larger 4x4s you do get plenty of interior room (and sometimes fantastic levels of luxury), a commanding driving position, and a feeling of security, that, should the worst happen, ensures you have plenty of metal around you.

Avoiding the worst could also be more likely in a 4x4, as they are less prone to aquaplane in wet weather, and more likely to get you home in the snow or flood waters (up to a limit). On the sportier 4x4s, the benefit of the extra traction can often also be felt in the cornering

(think Quattro, Impreza or Evo). This can increase the grin factor of a spirited drive along your favourite ribbon of twisty stuff.

Still, as capable as modern off-roaders are, most people will never (or infrequently) venture far into the wilderness. If you do, remember that off-road driving is not the same as on-road driving, and requires a different skill-set and experience from the driver if you are to be safe and successful in your expedition. Some manufacturers offer an off-road driving experience for their customers, and we would strongly recommend that your first foray into the muddy stuff is under the instruction of an

experienced off-road driver to keep you and your vehicle safe while you learn your new craft.

One final word of warning to anyone who thinks that four-wheel drive is a panacea to cure all foul weather ills; even a well driven 4x4 is no guarantee that you will not eventually get stuck. You may just be a lot further from help when it does happen. And don't forget, you only have four-wheel drive whilst your foot is on the throttle. The moment you lift off or touch the brakes, you are just like every other car on the road, except you may have 2.5 tonnes to stop on a snowy motorway; somewhat akin to Dumbo on ice.



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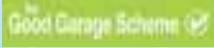


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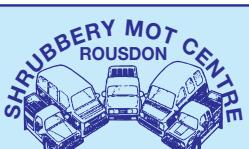
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### West Bay Sea Angling Club

## Chambers is winner but McMaster has final say



◆ CHRISTMAS CHEER: (from left); Kadie Lynham, Kara Lynham, Aaron Chambers Jurassic League champion), James Lawrence, Ewan Chambers (match winner), Dave Cornick, Caolan Ayers Jurassic League runner-up), Roger Guppy, Nathan McMaster, Harry Courtice, Paddy McMaster, Eden Lynham, Abby Button and Jamie Salvador Swords.

| Division A       | Pld | Pts | BL |
|------------------|-----|-----|----|
| Jesters          | 8   | 33  | 6  |
| Crown Duels      | 8   | 32  | 6  |
| Chilli Heads     | 9   | 30  | 7  |
| What an Anchor   | 9   | 30  | 4  |
| Ria Gunners      | 8   | 21  | 3  |
| No Hoppers       | 9   | 20  | 3  |
| Whats the Odds   | 9   | 16  | 4  |
| Second Hand      | 7   | 15  | 5  |
| Baggies Boys     | 8   | 8   | 3  |
| Mucking Fuddlers | 9   | 5   | 1  |

THE last match of the junior section's season took place just before Christmas and the good catches experienced over the autumn and winter period continued for the 11 members who turned out to fish on a breezy but dry day on the East Pier at West Bay.

After a slow start, and as the tide started to make, fish soon started coming thick and fast with flounder, whiting, pout, bass, pollock, poor cod and rockling coming to the scales.

Jamie Salvador Swords took an early lead with the first fish of the day, a small bass, but as the day progressed a number of others including Nathan McMaster, Kadie Lynham and James Lawrence entered the match with sizeable fish.

All but one competitor landed fish with the majority of anglers managing to weigh-in fish over the minimum size; these take precedence over under-sized fish and all were returned after weighing.

McMaster then pulled out all the stops with a succession of sizeable fish leaving Lawrence and Lynham fighting for second and third place with Caolan Ayers getting closer to the top three.

Lynham eventually settled into second place with a decisive, last minute double-shot of sizeable pout leaving McMaster with a clear win.

In addition to the usual match prizes, the top three on the day won Christmas hampers provided by Hilary Smith.

However, the Jurassic League takes place over the last two months of the year which for 2014 featured five matches, and the league results are based on the aggregate weight of all these matches.

This year's overall winner was Ewan Chambers who had a clear lead with 2442g, over 650g more than the runner-up which was a close run thing with three anglers separated by only 34g.

However, it was Caolan Ayers who won the new trophy as Jurassic League Runner-

up donated by Tom Treloar of Abbotsbury Fishing Tackle with a haul of 1570g.

After the competition, all the juniors, family and friends retired to the Salthouse to enjoy a tasty buffet generously provided by the Punch and Judy Bakery after which junior secretary Roger Guppy thanked everyone who had donated prizes both on the day and for the league competition, and helped on the day.

Prizes were awarded for the winners of the final match with a prize for everyone who fished that day, which was followed by the full results of the league.

This year also had a 'tacky Christmas jumper' theme which was judged by club President Dave Cornick.

Prizes were awarded for best parent and the top three juniors.

Match results December 20th - 1st: Nathan McMaster 833g (644g sizeable weight),

2nd: Kadie Lynham 745g (443g sizeable weight), 3rd: James Lawrence 373g (sizeable weight), Heaviest flat: Kadie Lynham 304g flounder, Heaviest round: James Lawrence 190g whiting, First fish: Jamie Salvador Swords, Last fish: Ewan Chambers, Heaviest weever: none; rolled over prizes went to heaviest of year, Eden Lynham 46g (new club record), Wooden spoon: Abby Button.

Sponsors on the day: Punch and Judy Bakery, Hilary Smith, Watchouse Cafe, Kay Guppy, Richard 'Tiny' Daw, Salvador Swords family and Lynda Craven. Jurassic League Results

1st: Jurassic League trophy: Ewan Chambers 2442g, 2nd: Jurassic League runner-up trophy: Caolan Ayers 1570g, 3rd: Kadie Lynham 1547g, 4th: Nathan McMaster 1536g, 5th: Aaron Chambers 1435g, 6th: Eden Lynham 1260g, 7th: James Lawrence 793g, 8th: Jamie Salvador Swords 658g

9th: Harry Courtice 488g 10th: Abby Button 313g, 11th: Kara Lynham 262g.

Christmas Jumper Competition: Best junior: James Lawrence, 2nd: Kadie Lynham, 3rd: Abby Button, Best parent: Paddy McMaster.

Sponsors for the league: Abbotsbury Fishing Tackle, Diane O'Keefe, Richard 'Tiny' Daw, Gerry Reed, Nigel and Jane Smith, Andrew Fowler, Frances Kitchin, Hugh Rathbone and Roger Guppy.

Also thanks to Hilary Smith and Andrea Joy for setting up the hall.

The junior matches start again next April and the club's new membership year starts on January 1st along with the first shore match of the year at Abbotsbury where fishing is from 1pm to 6pm.

Families are encouraged to take advantage of the new family subscription rate; for more details contact the Angling Centre West Bay.

### Bridport & District Darts

| Division One                                                       | Pld | Pts |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|-----|
| BSC                                                                | 11  | 18  |
| Knapp Inn                                                          | 11  | 16  |
| Nomads                                                             | 11  | 15  |
| Robbs Robbers                                                      | 11  | 14  |
| Hands of Time                                                      | 11  | 12  |
| Nags Head A                                                        | 11  | 11  |
| Outsiders                                                          | 11  | 10  |
| Rubber Johns                                                       | 11  | 9   |
| It's in the Middle                                                 | 10  | 6   |
| The Hitmen                                                         | 11  | 6   |
| One for the Vikings                                                | 11  | 3   |
| 180s leaders: Graham Knight & Tony Young both x4, seven players x3 |     |     |

| Division Two                                                              | Pld | Pts |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|-----|
| Young Dartars                                                             | 10  | 20  |
| Elders                                                                    | 10  | 14  |
| Odds or Us                                                                | 10  | 12  |
| Dat Team                                                                  | 9   | 12  |
| Poachers                                                                  | 10  | 10  |
| Les Misables                                                              | 10  | 10  |
| Royal Hawks                                                               | 9   | 7   |
| Anchor Vale Viewers                                                       | 10  | 7   |
| The Surgeons                                                              | 10  | 3   |
| Flashes Fives                                                             | 10  | 3   |
| 180s leaders: Len Challis, P.Rowley, Robin Townsend & Andy Reid (all x2). |     |     |

| Division Three                                        | Pld | Pts |
|-------------------------------------------------------|-----|-----|
| Otter Rotters                                         | 10  | 15  |
| Midnight Runners                                      | 10  | 12  |
| Inbetweeners                                          | 10  | 12  |
| Mis Fit                                               | 10  | 12  |
| Time Bombs                                            | 9   | 11  |
| Anchor Five                                           | 10  | 11  |
| Odds & Sods                                           | 9   | 7   |
| Tip Top Odds                                          | 10  | 7   |
| Only Just                                             | 10  | 6   |
| The Royal Nuts                                        | 10  | 5   |
| 180s leaders: Paul Bearpark & Andre Reynolds both x2. |     |     |

| Division Four                                                  | Pld | Pts |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|-----|-----|
| No Direction                                                   | 10  | 16  |
| Robbie's Rebels                                                | 9   | 16  |
| Dodgers                                                        | 10  | 13  |
| Tiger Bees                                                     | 10  | 13  |
| Sorted Odds                                                    | 10  | 9   |
| Whamo                                                          | 10  | 8   |
| Con Artists                                                    | 9   | 8   |
| Money Shot Mafia                                               | 10  | 7   |
| Mozzies Heroes                                                 | 10  | 4   |
| Red Arrows                                                     | 10  | 4   |
| 180s leaders: Billy Hallett, Bob Rendell & Andy Page (all x1). |     |     |

| Ladies Division One                                           | Pld | Pts |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|-----|-----|
| Tender Trap                                                   | 13  | 24  |
| Anchor Aces                                                   | 13  | 19  |
| Clocking In                                                   | 12  | 16  |
| Knight 'n' Gals                                               | 13  | 15  |
| Queen Bees                                                    | 13  | 12  |
| Again the Odds                                                | 12  | 8   |
| Queens of the Club                                            | 13  | 4   |
| Cliff Hangers                                                 | 13  | 4   |
| 180s leaders: Sarah Chick, Janet Collins & Sue Violet all x1. |     |     |

| Ladies Division Two      | Pld | Pts |
|--------------------------|-----|-----|
| Castaways                | 12  | 18  |
| Tracey's Tarts           | 12  | 18  |
| Next Door                | 11  | 13  |
| Sue's Rebels             | 10  | 12  |
| Anchors Aweigh           | 11  | 10  |
| Wildcats                 | 10  | 10  |
| Good Mates               | 12  | 9   |
| Tiger Stripes            | 12  | 7   |
| Charlie's Angels         | 12  | 5   |
| 180s leaders: L.Sweet x1 |     |     |

\*Pts deducted

### Bridport Runners

## New beginners group up and running



◆ IN GREAT CONDITION: Bridport Runners' second Beginners Class with coach Clive Whaley (second from left back) after proudly finishing their first 5K park run in Weymouth.

| Division A  | Pld | Pts |
|-------------|-----|-----|
| Wanderers   | 8   | 14  |
| Rejects     | 7   | 12  |
| Shipshape   | 7   | 12  |
| Masters     | 8   | 10  |
| Outsiders   | 8   | 10  |
| Rockets     | 8   | 8   |
| Rough Eight | 8   | 8   |
| Denhay      | 8   | 7   |
| Lively Lads | 8   | 4   |
| Slingers    | 8   | 4   |
| Broadoak    | 8   | 3   |
| The Dingoes | 8   | 2   |

| Division B        | Pld | Pts |
|-------------------|-----|-----|
| Dingbats          | 8   | 12  |
| Originals         | 7   | 12  |
| U Know the Blokes | 7   | 11  |
| NBC               | 8   | 10  |
| Nelson Nobblers   | 6   | 10  |
| LHS               | 7   | 8   |
| Bangers           | 7   | 7   |
| Miss The Ball     | 8   | 6   |
| Gerryatrics       | 8   | 4   |
| Crazy Gang        | 8   | 2   |
| Mean Machine      | 8   | 2   |

| Division C      | Pld | Pts |
|-----------------|-----|-----|
| Countrymen      | 8   | 14  |
| Castouts        | 8   | 12  |
| Whiskey Chasers | 8   | 11  |
| Bulldogs        | 8   | 10  |
| Pioneers        | 8   | 10  |
| Aussies Lot     | 8   | 8   |
| Pinseekers      | 8   | 8   |
| Alcoholics      | 8   | 6   |
| Strawpedees     | 8   | 6   |
| Survivors       | 8   | 6   |
| AFAR            | 8   | 3   |
| Unknowns        | 8   | 2   |

| Division D    | Pld | Pts |
|---------------|-----|-----|
| Groundhogs    | 7   | 12  |
| Yo Yo's       | 8   | 12  |
| Alleycats     | 8   | 10  |
| Brandy Snaps  | 8   | 10  |
| Hidden Talent | 7   | 10  |
| Offcuts       | 8   | 9   |
| Stinger       | 8   | 8   |
| Featherbeds   | 8   | 6   |
| Bad Girls     | 8   | 5   |
| Let 'em Roll  | 6   | 4   |
| Tiger Lilies  | 8   | 4   |
| Pinbashers    | 8   | 2   |

Highest individual League score: A.Coombes (Outsiders) and F.Parsons (Originals) both 92.

The new class starts Wednesday, January 14th at 5.45pm at the Bridport Football Club car park opposite the Bridport Leisure Centre, and take place every Wednesday night from 6pm to 7pm.

The goal of this six week course is to get anyone fit to run five kilometres (approximately three miles) in one go – whether you had little or no training before at all.

Last year, Bridport Runners organised their first two Beginners groups which attracted around 25 women and men of different ages and experience levels in running.

Some of these have become members of the club since and have moved on to run longer distances.

They even started participating in 10k and half-marathon races,

for example the Bournemouth Marathon Festival or Exeter Great West Run half-marathon.

The training will be organised by two qualified coaches. All novices will receive a gentle introduction into running and will not only be trained in finding the right running style but in gaining endurance and speed, as well. For the last session, all beginners will be invited to go for the 5K Weymouth Park Run.

The cost of this course is £12 which will be refunded if the participant chooses to join Bridport Runners afterwards.

If interested, please contact Bridport Runners' Chair Brian Shelley to register or get more information under (01308) 459-942.

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Played at a frenetic pace from the first whistle, it took a comical moment to change the situation leading to Street taking control and going on to record an easy win over a disappointing Bridport side.

The visitors boasted a lively strike force in Mark Salter, Harry Baker and Dale Hunt and home keeper Ashley Weeks was forced into saves from Baker and Salter inside the opening ten minutes.

However, the game turned on a bizarre incident in the 12th minute when Chris Senior 25 yards from goal and with no one around him turned and played a pass back to Weeks that zipped off the sodden surface eluding the surprised keeper and flew in the net.

Within three minutes it was 2-0 when Baker beat Ryan Hayter for pace and crossed into the area where Sean Stewart, trying to cut the ball out, only succeeded in playing the ball into the path of Tom Hill who drove it home.

by Stuart Broom  
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Hill then fired over from 25 yards and Weeks tipped Baker's shot away for a corner as the Cobblers streamed forward looking for another.

Bridport finally conjured their first effort on the Street goal on 21 minutes but Shane Evans skied his shot from Matt Condliffe's cross over the top. He then had keeper Ben Dancey diving to turn his 30 yard drive around the post.

It looked like Bridport might have found a way back into the ground on the half hour when Dancey turned pantomime villain with a poor attempted clearance which went to Matt Morley who fired into an empty net from 30 yards.

The Bees lost Stewart on 38 minutes when he limped off after kicking an opponent's studs as he went to clear, an offence that was deemed a foul by referee Rob Dabbs.

With sub Jamie Filkins on as a replacement,

Weeks was forced to tip Salter's low curling free kick away.

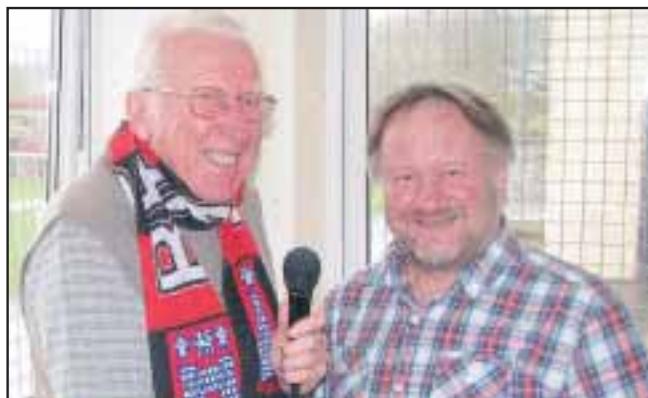
However, Bridport's woes continued when Hunt glided Baker's left wing cross just inside the far post in the 40th minute before Baker was allowed to run 15 yards before firing a shot into the bottom corner to give the visitors a 4-1 half-time lead.

Baker then got the second goal his performance deserved to put Street in an unsatisfiable position.

Tom Richardson had a chance to pull one back with 20 minutes left but he lost out in a one-on-one with Dancey.

They did manage a second in the last minute when Evans' shot looped up off the heel of sub Rhys Hayter, but this was a bad day at the office for the Bees.

Manager Trevor Senior who thought their third goal should have been disallowed for offside said: "We have been a different side in the last two games. We were very poor and gifted them the first two goals, and although we were a bit better in the second-half but they were much sharper than us."



■ **ALAN HANDS OVER THE MIC:** This Saturday a new voice will drift over the tannoy at St Mary's Field after Alan Kitson decided to lay down the microphone after ten years on the public address system at Bridport Football Club's home matches.

Having been the "voice" at Witney FC in Oxfordshire for almost 20 years he came to the Bees with a pedigree, and has been a great asset to the club. Club Chairman Adrian Scadding (right) in the photo seen congratulating Alan said: "I would like to thank Alan on behalf of the club for his dedication and input over the years. He will be a hard act to follow."

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